

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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COLLABORATION WITH SUDAN IN OIL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sudan has expressed desire of India's collaboration in its oil sector; and
- (b) if so, the action proposed to tie up with Sudan for exploration, development and processing keeping in view its vast oil reserve?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)& (b) : Yes, Sir. To explore the possibility of bilateral cooperation in Oil Sector with Sudan, a team of Oil Company Officials has visited Sudan recently. Sudan does not offer opportunities, which call for immediate attention. With regard to import of crude, Sudanese crude oil has not been found technically suitable for processing in the Indian PSU Refineries.